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SUBJECT: GREEKS TELL US ATTACHE THAT CONFLICT WITH TURKEY IS
UNLIKELY

THE TURKISH AIR FORCE'S INSISTENCE ONECONDUCTING FLIGHTS TODAY IN THE GREEK FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION OF THE AEGEAN SEA, AS PART OF A NATO EXERCISE, HAS CAUSED THREATS TO BE EXCHANGED BETWEEN ATHENS AND ANKARA. THE GREEK MILITARY ATTACHE TO TURKEY, HOWEVER, HAS ADVISED THE USDAO IN ANKARA THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE WORKED OUT AMICABLY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

ATHENS PROBABLY WILL RESPOND AS IT DID IN A SIMILAR "CRISIS" WITH ANKARA IN 1973. AT THAT TIME, THE GREEKS DID NOTHING DURING THE TURKISH FLIGHT EXERCISE, BUT ATHENS LODGED AN OFFICIAL PROTEST

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